

Anne Arundel-739  
John Wesley U.M.Church (Furnace Branch)  
1350 Ritchie Hwy.  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

1869, 1884, 1966

Access:Public

The present John Wesley U.M. Church stands 56' from the west side of Ritchie Hwy.(Rt.2). It was built in 1966. John Wesley U.M.Church(Furnace Branch) is the oldest black Methodist congregation in northern Anne Arundel County. There is some confusion as to the original location of the church. There was a church on this site in the 1880's. Many well known black ministers have served this congregation, including the Rev. N.M. Carroll. When the new Church was erected, the old burial ground was disturbed, and now many gravestones are piled in a heap on the northside of the church.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

John Wesley U.M. Church (Furnace Br.) (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1350 Ritchie Hwy.

CITY, TOWN

Glen Burnie

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☒ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☒ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Trustees, John Wesley U.M. Church

Telephone #: 761-9865

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1350 Ritchie Hwy.

CITY, TOWN

Glen Burnie

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD, 21061

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel Co. Court House

Liber #: SH 16

Folio #: 639

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Church Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AA-739

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE 1869

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The present John Wesley U.M. Church stands 56' from the west side of Ritchie Hwy., where it makes its junction with Furnace Branch Rd. The brick structure was built in 1966. The old church (circa 1884) was demolished when the new church was built and actually stood on the ground now the parking lot. Pictures are included.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John Wesley U.M. Church(Furnace Branch) is the oldest black Methodist congregation in northern Anne Arundel County. The church was founded just four years after the conclusion of the Civil War. There is some confusion as to the original location of the first church, but a Church stood on this site in the 1880's. Many well known black Methodist ministers served this congregation including the Rev. N.M. Carroll. When the new church was erected, the old burial ground was disturbed and now many gravestones are piled in a heap on the northside of the church. The church houses a number of governmental programs and still has an active congregation.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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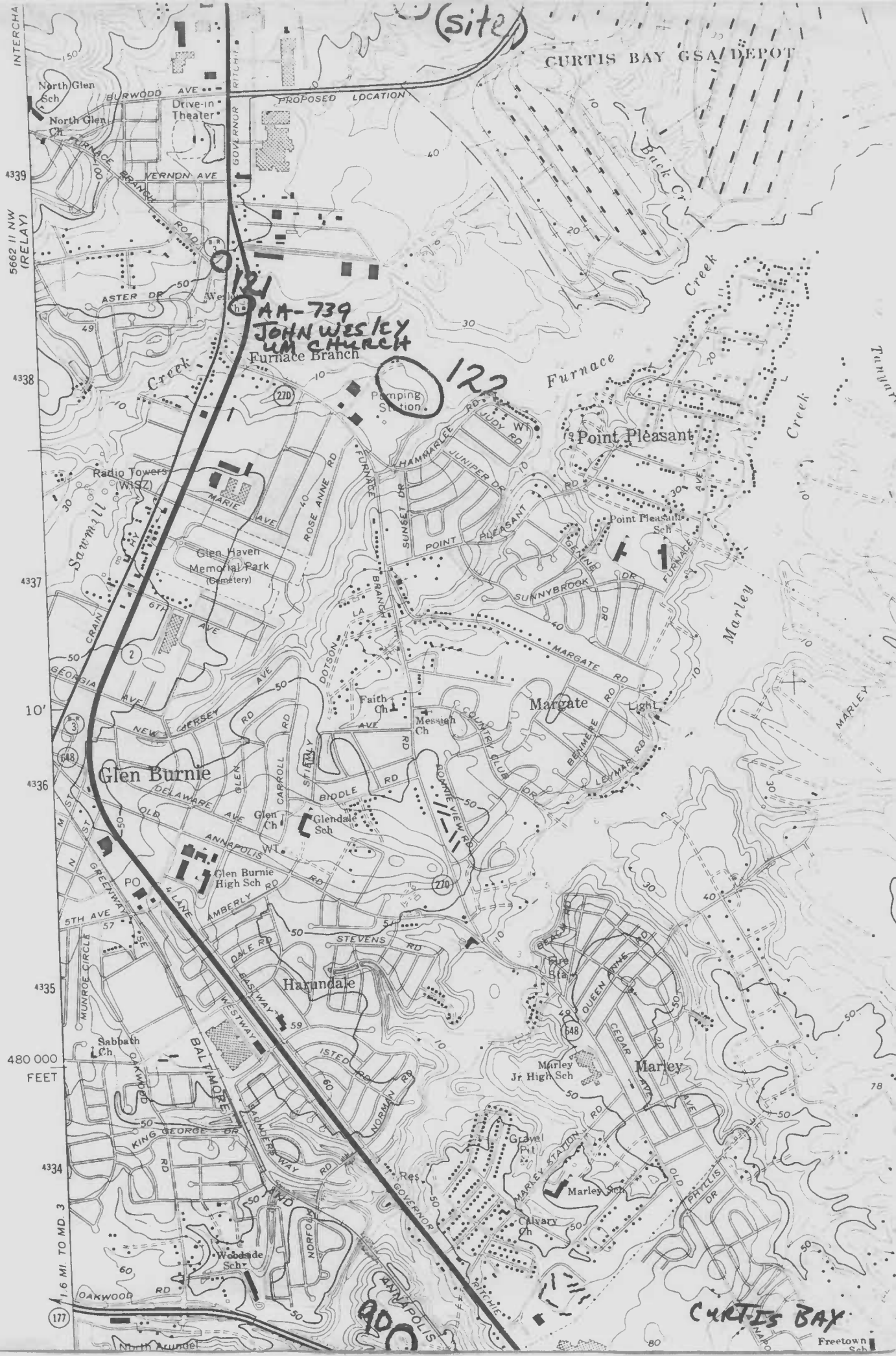
STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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(site)  
CURTIS BAY GSA DEPOT  
Buck Creek  
Furnace Creek  
Point Pleasant  
Marley Creek  
Margate Light  
Marley Jr High Sch  
Marley Sch  
Freetown Sch  
Curtis Bay

AM-739  
JOHN WESLEY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Furnace Branch  
Pumping Station

Glen Burnie

Harundale

Marley

Glen Haven  
Memorial Park  
(Cemetery)

Margate

Sabbath  
Ch.

Gravel  
Pit

Wobade  
Sch.

Calvary  
Ch.